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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Leak Analysis Center Position

1. Attached is a letter to the Director of the FBI requesting the assignment of an FBI agent to the Security Committee to establish a Community-wide analysis center for unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence.

2. The FBI member of SECOM thinks it is unlikely that Judge Webster will respond favorably because of other pressing requirements. If the FBI declines to offer a man, there is a retired CIA officer whose experience and capabilities would be well suited to the task and who has expressed willingness to take on the position.

3. It is requested that you sign the letter

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Attachment: Letter

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Director  
Intelligence Community Staff

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

Your recent expression of concern, along with those of the Director of Central Intelligence and the President about the serious problem of unauthorized disclosures of sensitive intelligence, indicate a need for enhanced measures to analyze and investigate such disclosures. As a step toward strengthening Intelligence Community efforts to deal with the problem, we have authorized the DCI Security Committee to add a senior security officer position (GS-14 or 15 level) to establish an unauthorized disclosure analysis center.

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We believe it would be advantageous to both the Intelligence Community and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to staff that position with an experienced Special Agent of the FBI. The entire history of our efforts to combat unauthorized disclosures of sensitive intelligence suggests that the lack of a strong, unified effort to analyze data on disclosures has been a disabling deficiency. The nature and scope of the problem remain undefined because we have not devoted appropriate resources to tracking "leaks." Because the FBI's internal security charter transcends departmental boundaries, and the FBI applies more resources to this problem than any other agency, the appointment of an FBI agent to pull together and analyze data on intelligence disclosures from throughout the Community should benefit the Bureau and the Community. Your willingness to participate in a serious effort to investigate classified disclosures, expressed at the recent SIG-I meeting, encourages the belief that you will lend your support to this effort.

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The analysis center would ensure early attention to serious illegal revelations of classified intelligence; conduct liaison on leaks with the FBI and the rest of the Community; gather and analyze data on disclosures to identify patterns suggesting likely areas for investigation or security weaknesses to be remedied; assess disclosure motivations as a means of focusing investigations; serve as a Community focal point on unauthorized disclosures and provide management reporting on the scope and nature of intelligence disclosures; and assist in determining which disclosures are most serious and require the greatest expenditure of effort.

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Pending the establishment of a budgeted FY 1985 slot, this position would be filled on a 364-day tour of duty and would be reimbursed. Clerical assistance would be provided the incumbent.

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Your favorable consideration of this matter and your nomination of an experienced FBI agent to staff this position are requested.

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Sincerely,

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